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The carnival will feature over 15 rides, including the Titanic Slide.

The carnival will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets available for Mexican Dinner

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Board of Directors is sponsoring a Mexican Dinner before the January 28 performance of Ballet Folklórico.

The dinner will be dine-in or take-out from 5 to 7 p.m. and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Tickets are available from any board member, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center or at The Sun, 417 N.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade.

Belle Glade and Pahokee Chamber selling fair tickets

Discount tickets to the South Florida Fair are available at the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce. To get your tickets stop by either chamber or call 996-2745 in Belle Glade or 924-5679 in Pahokee.

GED test to be given

The GED test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on January 10 and 11, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Adults should register in the Community School office before 5 p.m. on Jan. 10. The cost of the test is \$40. For more information, call 993-4404.

Magnet Program deadline nears

The Palm Beach County School District Magnet Program application period is now open. Application deadlines for high schools is January 28 and for elementary it is Feb. 26.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Berta Alvarez, Gove Elementary, at 893-1922.

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A well-stocked first aid kit important in emergencies



Katrina Klein
Contributing Editor hand until
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"Take Care of Yourself, A Consumers Guide to Medical Care," by Dr. Donald Vickery and Dr. James Fries, offers some good general advice on items to keep on hand to han-

dle common medical problems. Before stocking your home first aid kit, consider who is likely to use it. Do you have small children at home? Do grandchildren sometimes visit your home? Are there any senior citizens in your household? Do any other members of your household need special medical care?

The doctors advise checking your medicine cabinet and throwing out any medications that have passed their expiration dates. Old medicine may not be good medicine. Some drugs become less potent with age. Others might break down

enough to actually be harmful. Dr. Vickery and Dr. Fries suggest the following items be kept on hand:

- Aspirin and/or acetaminophen, for fever, headache and minor pain. (If you have children at home, make sure you have the right dosages for each. Babies need infant drops. Young children need the "children's" dosages in liquid form. Don't try to cut a tablet made for adults and give it to a child.)

- Keep a non-aspirin fever and pain reliever on hand for children. Aspirin should not be given to children who may have chicken pox or influenza,

because it may lead to Reye's Syndrome.)

- Antacid, for stomach upset.
- Adhesive tape, gauze and adhesive bandages, for minor wounds.

- Hydrogen peroxide, for cleaning wounds.
- Sodium bicarbonate, for soaking and soothing.

- Syrup of ipecac, to induce vomiting in case of accidental poisoning.

- Depending on your family and lifestyle, you might want to add to this list. There are a wide range of over-the-counter medications available. However, the doctors warn, misuse of

over-the-counter drugs can have serious consequences.

- Do not assume that a product is automatically safe because it does not require a prescription," the book states.

- Other items you might want to keep on hand include:

- Antihistamines, if anyone in your family has allergies.
- Iodine, for use as an antiseptic.

- Milk of magnesia to treat constipation.
- Kaopectate or Parapetolin, to treat diarrhea.

- Eye drops or artificial tears, to clean eyes of irritants.
- Hydrocortisone cream, to

treat skin rashes.

- Elastic bandages for sprains.
- Sunscreen, to prevent sunburn.

- Baking soda, to be put in a cool bath to ease sunburn pain.

Check with your family physician about other items you should keep on hand. For example, if your child is allergic to insect stings, you might need to have a prescription medication on hand for emergencies.

Dr. Vickery and Dr. Fries also stress the importance of keeping all medications out of the reach of young children.

ER Chronicles: An orange Mickey Mouse t-shirt



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

the ER radio this afternoon got everyone's attention. The place was packed; there were patients on stretchers in the hall.

But, everything and everyone else would have to wait.

Phil and another ER nurse grabbed two beds from the Resuscitation Room and wheeled them to nearby spots in the hall, trying to explain to these two patients that they were being displaced by an emergency that was, indeed, worse than their own problems today. Yes, they would have to wait longer.

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez hurriedly wrote a prescription and some discharge instructions for another hallway patient, clearing at least this one bed before the cardiac arrest patient arrived. She

handed the finished chart to an assistant and looked up just as the paramedics rolled their stretcher into the Resuscitation Room.

"OK. Here we go again," she thought as she hurried into the room with one eye on the cardiac monitor and the other on the paramedic doing CPR on this middle-aged man's chest.

"Whatta we got?"

"He apparently collapsed while jogging," the paramedic said between breaths, shaking the perspiration from his chin.

"Jogging? In this heat? Phil couldn't believe what he had heard.

The man was pulled onto the ER bed, the monitor leads were switched to the ER's equipment, and Phil took over on the chest compressions.

"Yes. Jogging," the paramedic added as he took a couple deep breaths and wiped his forehead. "He was in Ventricular Fib when we got there. We've been through four defibrillations, and some epinephrine and lidocaine doses."

He paused, the expression on his face becoming more serious. "I think he's actually in Asystole now."

The mood in the Resuscitation Room became suddenly pessimistic. If this man was in Ventricular Fibrillation, with a quivering, chaotic heart, then defibrillation with electricity would at least have a chance of re-starting his heartbeat. But Asystole, with absolutely no heart activity at all, well, that diagnosis is usually a death sentence.

"Oh," Cortez frowned. "Do we have any history on this guy? He doesn't look very old." Then, looking at the flat line on the cardiac monitor, she added, "Keep the chest compressions going, and give him another milligram of epinephrine."

"All he had on were these jogging shorts and that orange Mickey Mouse T-shirt, no form of ID," the paramedic said. "There was a car nearby, but it was locked. The cops were checking on the owner of that car when we left for here."

The paramedic's words seemed almost rhythmic, mirroring the beat of the chest compressions that Phil continued.

"OK. Hold up on the compressions for a bit; let's see if

there is any sign of heart activity." Cortez studied the monitor. Still a flat line.

Phil shook his head and looked to Cortez for guidance.

"Resume chest compressions," she said. "We've got to try everything. This guy's so young."

"Give a dose of Atropine, then let's try the external pacemaker."

The team continued its task. A police officer popped his head around the edge of the curtain.

"I think we found the wife," he said with a frown. "She ID'd the car. She said he was wearing an orange Mickey Mouse T-shirt when he left their home."

"Oh," Cortez lamented. She knew there would be another unpleasant task to accomplish soon.

"I've got her in the Family Waiting Room. I didn't know what to tell her," the officer added.

Cortez nodded, then refocused on the monitor.

Still Asystole.

The medications had not worked. The external pacemaker produced no heartbeats. The chest compressions did not

seem to be providing any real blood flow.

"OK. That's it," Cortez took a deep breath. "I'm calling it at 1416 hours."

Cortez motioned with her head to Phil. He understood what was about to happen, and he walked with Cortez to the Family Waiting Room.

She pushed the door open. Only one person sat in the room, and she appeared calm, smiling as the two entered.

"Hi. I'm Dr. Cortez."

"Hi. I'm Judy; nice to meet you." This woman was happy, almost bubbling as she extended her hand toward Cortez. "I've heard that my husband had a little accident."

Then it hit Cortez: Judy didn't have any idea about what had really happened, that the husband who left home this afternoon with his orange Mickey Mouse T-shirt was now lying dead on an ER bed.

"Sit down with me here, Judy."

This was the worst part about being an emergency physician.

Sudden cardiac death is common in America, claiming the

lives of 250,000 adults each year.

Only a small percentage of these victims survive, even with modern resuscitation efforts.

Sudden cardiac death is most often caused by an abrupt change in heart rhythm, which occurs because of a tragic interaction between an abnormality in the structure of the heart and a disturbance in a portion of the complicated electrical system within the heart.

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Death follows within a few minutes if successful resuscitation is not accomplished.

If the sudden collapse is witnessed, and if CPR efforts are begun immediately, the chances of survival are increased significantly.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcsep.org

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OPINION

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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

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James Jackson still our hero

"James Jackson is a very determined, hardworking individual. Although Jackson's season is not going like expected, he will still remain on top. James has never been an individual to give up, and I know he will succeed in any future endeavor he chooses.

In life, one must be reminded of obstacles. They sometimes allow you to become a better individual, while others prepare you for the tough road that lies ahead of you. James, always remember God is our creator and he can turn impossibilities into possibilities. You need to stay focused and know your family and true friends will stay by your side through your entire ordeal. In Belle Glade, you are and will always be our hero.

James, get yourself and your condition better first, and everything else will fall into the correct perspective. Lastly, put Christ in all that you choose to do.

A Belle Glade resident."

It doesn't add up

"I went to Georgia for a week. When I crossed the state line, gas for premium was \$1.39 a gallon. It got cheaper as I went north. Regular was \$1.06 a gallon.

They say that around here there is not much of a turnover for gas, and that's why it's so high. Well how about the small one-horse towns I went through in Georgia?

We have a port close by where they transport to gas stations out here. I wonder how far these stations, in Valdosta, Georgia are from their sources? Some of them are really small stations in very small towns, and yet their prices are much lower. Why?

A working poor person will soon be run out of Palm Beach County. In the next five years we will have to move to make ends meet."

Glades Central Raider #5, the leader of the pack

"Glades Central's football team has had some outstanding football players through the years. No one, though, has been as strong or been as high a performer as #5 Jativaus (Jay) McRae.

This particular player is not recognized as he should be. There is always a spotlight on a maximum of three to four players, without proper recognition given to others who truly deserve it.

Even though both winning and losing are team efforts, I feel Jativaus should be noticed and then praised. Without #5, Jativaus McRae being affiliated with the Raider's squad, we would not be as far as we are today.

Jativaus brings new meaning to the statement, 'It's not the size of the man in the game, but it's the size of the game in the man.'

Lastly, my hat goes off to the entire Raider team, but I strongly applaud Jativaus for his talents and inclined abilities as well.

A true Raider fan."

Set the record straight

"This is in regard to the person who called last week and said Commissioner Wilkerson probably used her own money to take the trip to California.

Well, The Sun newspaper knows that the taxpayers paid for that trip and the commissioners voted for her to take that trip for no benefit. So, will The Sun newspaper please verify that she did take the trip at the taxpayer's expense?"

Editor's note: Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson was approved by the city commission to take the trip to California. She thanked fellow commissioners at the Dec. 27 commission meeting for the opportunity to attend and said she learned a lot at workshops she attended.

We have noted a concerted effort by one caller to make frequent calls to our Speak Out line about Ms. Wilkerson. While we do want our readers to feel free to express their concerns on public matters, we feel it is unfair for one individual to dominate our Speak Out section in a campaign to discredit anyone. Unless this caller has something fundamentally different to say, we will not be inclined to continue to run these calls.

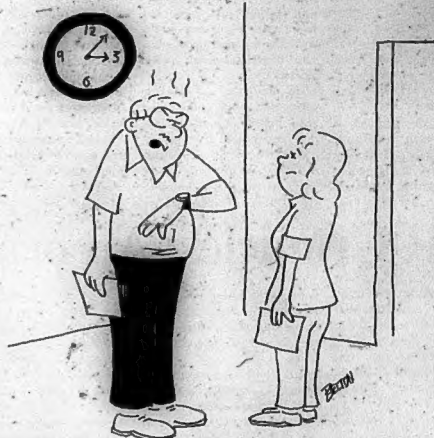
Year in Review left out something important

"I want to thank The Sun for the Year in Review section in last week's paper. It was very informative to give the people this information, however, I just want to add one more item to this wonderful section.

You left out the scam of the year where people of the Glades were misled by tricksters to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in a scam under the name of The Winner's Circle. Many people have lost their life savings in this scam, believing they would be able to receive benefits plus interest on their money. This was a scam orchestrated even by local individuals who set out to defraud and were successful in doing this.

Unfortunately, the people who lost all this money are ashamed to come forward. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been

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"EXCUSE ME NURSE ... WOULD YOU TELL ME
WHAT TIME MY 1:00 O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT
IS?"

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Can you stand just one more comment on our water bills?

After weeks of reading the "outrage" of our citizens pertaining to their water bills and after attending numerous City Commission meetings where citizens continue to lament that which cannot be changed, I felt compelled to provide a new perspective that may help to provide information.

I went back into my records and looked at my water bill from six years ago (11/23/93). For 6,000 gallons of water, my water bill was \$66.83. My water bill today (11/22/99) for 6,000 gallons of water is \$86.80. A difference of \$19.97. Next, I proceeded to calculate the annual percentage increase of my water bill over the past six years. That percentage increase was 4.4540%. I then did the same for my cable television bill, \$28.25 in 1993 and \$36.81 today (after the new

increase scheduled to begin January 2000). Would you believe a percentage increase over the same period of 4.5120%?

Where is the outrage over the cable bills? I don't know about you, but I greatly value the ability to have hot and cold running water over a few more cable TV channels. Even for water at 1.447 cents per gallon, (yes, that's what it works out to be and that includes sewer, garbage pick up and mosquito control). What a deal! I can't get a gallon of milk for that. Even the bottled water that I choose to buy, would you believe, I pay \$1.31 per gallon for it?

My point is this, if our complaining citizens would put as much time and energy into helping improve our community as they have in complaining about what appears to me to be a "reasonable" increase in our water bills, we might just cre-

ate a community where new business and industry would be thrilled to locate. Imagine that: improvements in employment opportunities, an expanded base upon which to spread costs to operate the city, lower water bills, a community we can all be proud of! All it takes is an appropriate focus of our collective energies such as promoting community improvement/clean up/beautification functions, etc.

Maybe it's not time to close the Speak Out column to anyone of this same discussion about water bills, and move on to things we can really have an impact with, such as community improvement. Perhaps if every caller would propose a solution to every problem he/she presents we can take a big step in that direction.

Sincerely,
Carl Seibert
Belle Glade

A gift for Lake Okeechobee

By David B. Struba, Secretary

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Over the past quarter-century local, state and federal government officials have earned the equivalent of multiple PhDs studying Lake Okeechobee. These types of degrees would be conferred on the basis of extensive research, practical experience and well-supported theories and titled "PhD in Okeechobee Studies." Unfortunately, they would represent the sum total of lake restoration to date.

Lake Okeechobee has probably been the subject of more studies over the past 25 years than any other lake in Florida. Those studies are appropriate since the lake is, after all, the second largest lake in the United States. Indeed, it is the only lake of its kind anywhere in the world. It is the headwaters of the Everglades. It is also in big trouble.

It would be easy to follow the historic path of resigning ourselves only to more studies and more research, but that would be a dereliction of our duty. It would be a failure to recognize that while there is still much we don't know about Lake "O", our collective "PhDs" have brought us to the point where we know what the remedies are for recovery and restoration. And we know the sooner that we begin the work, the more likely it is we will succeed.

On December 21, I had the privilege to stand on the shores of Lake Okeechobee and represent Governor Bush, Lt. Governor Brogan, the Department of Environmental Protection and the entire Bush Administration to announce the best gift that Lake Okeechobee has received in a long time: action!

On that day, I stood with legislative leaders

such as State Representative Ken Pruitt and State Senator John Laurent to support their proposed "Lake Okeechobee Restoration Program." This plan provides:

- A water shed management program calling for the phased implementation of Phosphorus load reductions.
- A construction program that will consist of stormwater treatment areas, reservoir assisted stormwater treatment areas, and other detention facilities.
- A Phosphorus control program using Best Management Practices for nonpoint, agricultural, and nonagricultural sources.
- Comprehensive water quality evaluation and monitoring.
- Identification and eradication of invasive exotic species and measures to protect native flora and fauna.
- Funding for capital improvement, landowner assistance and land acquisition.

We are pleased that in addition to the Bush Administration, the plan enjoys broad support ranging from Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford, Director Frank Finch and the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District, and key environmental groups. They recognize that delay is not an option. These are leaders who understand that collaboration will allow us to accomplish more in a shorter period.

Now the state has a plan that is supported by years of study.

It will move forward with the further support of second science and the will of those who want to get the job done. What better present could Lake Okeechobee receive?

The Sun

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The 1990's warmest decade in history



Mike Lyons

Did 1999 seem a bit cooler to you? The folks at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) say it was, by seven tenths of one degree.

NOAA climatologists report that the United States experienced its second warmest year on record during 1999, with an average temperature of 55.7 degrees. That's a little less than 1998's all-time record of 56.4 degrees.

Global temperatures were a tad cooler too, thanks to the influences of La Nina—the nickname for a large pool of cooler-than-normal waters in the Pacific Ocean. NOAA scientists say that chilly water produced the lowest ocean temperatures since 1994, which led to slightly cooler global temperatures.

Still, a long-term trend toward a warmer climate is underway. NOAA says the decade of the 1990's turned out to be the warmest decade in history, while the 20th century

has seen a significant increase in global temperatures.

Most scientists blame man-made activities for the rising temperatures, specifically the burning of coal, oil and natural gas. These products produce atmospheric gases, like carbon dioxide, that trap heat in the atmosphere like a greenhouse. The result: global warming.

Yet not everyone is convinced. Scientists writing in the December issue of the American Meteorological Society's Bulletin suggest the temperature increases may be part of a natural cycle. "Greenhouse warming alone is insufficient to explain the observed pattern of climate change," say the scientists.

Whatever is turning up the heat, all scientists agree that a warmer planet is not good. If the Earth warms by another 2 to 6 degrees over the next century, as many scientists believe, it may lead to an increase in extreme weather events.

Some regions might experience heavier-than-normal rains, while other parts of the world could suffer from long-term droughts. Sea levels should rise and there may be an increase in the intensity and frequency of hurricanes.

Obviously, it is important to settle the argument. Is the greenhouse effect real? Is global warming actually taking place.

The answers may be just

around the corner thanks to a new NASA satellite. The Terra spacecraft, placed in Earth orbit by the shuttle Discovery this week, will provide the most comprehensive examination of the Earth's atmosphere, ocean and continents, and, for the first time, perhaps settle the global warming debate.

From an altitude of 438 miles, Terra will circle the Earth 16 times a day studying clouds, water vapor, the continents and oceans, all in an effort to understand the interaction between them and their effect on the Earth's energy budget and climate.

NASA expects Terra to "improve our ability to detect human impacts on climate by identifying 'fingerprints' of human activity on climate." In addition, the satellite should help scientists predict climate change by providing global data for sophisticated computer models.

The satellite may also have a big impact on weather forecasting, particularly droughts and floods. And it may help climatologists improve long-term weather forecasts, too.

The name "Terra" in honor of our planet's mythical Mother Earth, was suggested by student in St. Louis. It seems an appropriate name, since Terra may finally settle an issue that may be one of the most important in Mother Earth's history.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.)



Leebert Clark

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Leebert Clark, AKA Leebert Clark, AKA "Poopie" who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Clark is a black male, 5'6" tall, and weighs 145 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is

May 5, 1959.

His last known address was 100 S.W. 5th Street, Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 598-84-7602 and his last occupation was as a cook. His warrant was active as of December 21, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Leebert Clark or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 649 complaints and gave 31 traffic citations the week of December 27-January 2.

Those arrested included:

December 27 - Betty Verdell, 56, battery and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Juvenile, 14, failure to appear on charges of retail theft; Larry Hardin, 24, warrant for throwing a deadly missile, aggravated assault and domestic battery and violation of probation; Clarence Williams, 22, failure to appear on a traffic citation.

December 28 - Johnny Crawford, 46, possession of a Schedule 4 substance (valium).

December 29 - Cedric Russell, 21, failure to appear on charges of no or improper driver's license; Jeffrey Williams, 37, grand theft, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and wearing a mask while committing an offense; Patrick Brookman, 20, failure to appear on charges of driving on an expired driver's license; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery; Ariene Lighthorn, 26, aggravated domestic battery.

December 30 - Willie Canty, 44, two counts of violation of probation; Patricia Coleman, 31, trespassing; Bobby Chambers, 34, carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon; Juvenile, 14, domestic battery.

December 31 - Rogelio Rodriguez, 24, loitering and prowling and driving under the influence; Kabria Braham, 42, possession of marijuana under 30 grams; Michele Lafont, 81, trespassing after warning and stalking; Barbara Longoria, 26, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

January 1 - Willie James Battelle, 15, disorderly conduct; Nathaniel Gilmore, 23, domestic battery; Charles Covington, 40, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia; Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

January 2 - Robert Lee Bailey, 50, petty theft; Sonya Scott, 32, retail theft; Retha

Hatch, 31, retail theft; Juvenile, 15, resisting arrest without violence and three counts of battery; Shavar Brand, 15, battery; Juvenile, 15, retail theft; Felipe Salinas, 33, burglary and a lewd act on a child under age 16.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 7 arrests the week of December 26-January 1.

Those arrested included:

December 26 - No arrests made.

December 27 - No arrests made.

December 28 - Sara Adams, 31, disorderly conduct; Juvenile, 17, resisting arrest without violence.

December 29 - No arrests made.

December 30 - Lisa McCants, 33, theft; Jackie Dennard, 30, battery.

December 31 - Curt J. Beiden, 24, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

January 1 - Willie J. Bush, 23, littering; Zandra T. Hatch, 24, obstruction of justice, spousal assault, theft and resisting arrest without violence.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 145 calls, issued 10 traffic citations and made 5 arrests the week of December 27-January 2.

Those arrested included:

December 27 - Horace Williams, 23, disorderly conduct.

December 29 - Javanza Mays, 15, warrant for battery.

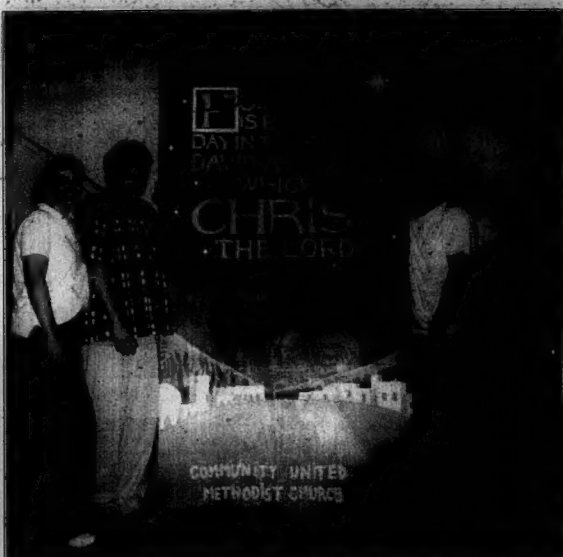
December 29 - Higinio Rodriguez, 47, domestic assault and possession of drug paraphernalia.

December 30 - No arrests made.

December 31 - No arrests made.

January 1 - Jose Gutierrez, 36, discharging a firearm in public; Kevin Williams, 21, possession of cocaine.

January 2 - Amancio Maldonado, 40, violation of the open container law.



The Community United Methodist Church won first place in the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Christmas Card contest. The Youth Fellowship members who made the Christmas card are shown above. From left they are: Mary-Anne Hollingsworth, Andy Hollingsworth, John Easton, Jeffrey Woodham, and Emily Watson. Not pictured is Ryan Whitlock.

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lost to this scam and people thought this was a legitimate venture. Many people have lost their life's savings. I just wanted to mention this. Thank you."

Editor's note: Many of our readers noticed that our Year in Review in last week's paper did not read right on the front page. The copy was laid incorrectly and several lines were missing from the top four lines on the front page. We apologize for the error.

Good job

"Happy New Year. This is early morning, the year 2000. I am calling to commend the Belle Glade Police Chief and the entire police department for the wonderful job they did giving us the kind of coverage and protection that we had this New Year's Eve. It was the best I have seen for the many years I have been pastoring in this community.

I just want to say hats off to them for a wonderful job and I congratulate them for the effort put forth to make this one of the most safe and enjoy-

able New Years we have had in a long time.

Thank you very much."

Lights still not fixed

"This call is for Florida Power and Light of Belle Glade. You got a call about the lights out at 715 Mobile Home Park. We still don't have them fixed. Two car windows have been broken out with guys running in the dark and playing.

We want some action on the lights in 715 Mobile Home Park. We want FPL to fix them.

Thank you."

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AutoNation





Glade View Elementary in Belle Glade elected officers for its newly formed PTA Dec. 21. Pictured are, back row, left to right, Josaine Roc, treasurer, Gale Fulford, principal, Mary Fleckner PTA Association president, Betty Page, vice president, Katherine Brown, recording secretary and front row, Myrna I. McPhee, president.

Glade View Elementary forms inaugural PTA

Glade View Elementary of Belle Glade recently elected officers for its newly formed PTA. According to the Palm Beach County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs), the PTA is more than 100 years

old and has advocated before decision makers for children's rights, better health and education.

A PTA works at the local school level to support activities and enhance children's academic environment.

As a member of the National

PTA, Glade View's new organization will receive assistance through resources, networking opportunities, workshop and training opportunities, educational materials and publications, awards, honors as well as legislative issues and initiatives.

Pahokee Elementary news

Report Card Distribution

All Pahokee Elementary School parents are invited to pick up their child's second nine weeks report card. Report cards will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 4-6 p.m. Kindergarten and first grade parents may report to the teachers'

classroom. Second and third grade teachers will be in the cafeteria.

For more information, fee free to call the school at 924-6466.

Advisory Council to meet

All Pahokee Elementary School parents are invited to

attend the monthly School Advisory Meeting. The meeting will be held in the Media Center Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 6-7 p.m. Parents and community members are encouraged to join our 1999-2000 School Advisory Council. For more information call the school at 924-6466.

Five UF researchers win award for work with rice

Five UF/IFAS faculty were recently honored for their pioneering work on the value of silicon fertilization in agriculture, particularly for rice and sugarcane production in South Florida.

Jose Alvarado, Lawrence Datnoff, Christopher Deren, Thomas Kucharek and George Snyder have found that silicon provides highly effective control of certain rice diseases.

"They demonstrated that use of silicon reduces the need for fungicides and the residual effects of

this element one year later provide effective disease control comparable to the application of fungicides. The team also found this element could enhance control of the two most important rice diseases in the world - blast and sheath blight.

In the case of rice cultivars that are partially resistant to these diseases, the use of silicon makes them completely resistant.

Alvarado, professor of agricultural

pathology, Datnoff, professor of plant pathology, Deren, professor of agronomy/soil science, and George Snyder, distinguished professor of soil science, are based at the UF/IFAS center in Belle Glade. Kucharek, professor of plant pathology, is at the UF in Gainesville.

They were nominated for the award by Van Wadkill, director of the Belle Glade Everglades Research and Education Center.



New Hope Charities in Pahokee hosted its annual visit from Santa Claus for nearly 70 area children and their families Dec. 23.

First year fundraiser a success for migrant organization

Individuals and organizations

from throughout Florida agriculture contributed to the successful launch this year of a fundraising program for the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), a not-profit organization that serves the families and children of seasonal and migrant farmworkers.

The sale of colorful, original Christmas cards, designed by children attending RCMA's child development centers, generated just under \$15,000. The net proceeds from the cards sales will help fund RCMA programs and services such as health care, after school care and day care, as well as special programs such as Head Start for the children and families of seasonal farm labor.

"We appreciate the contributions of time and services that members of the agriculture community and associated industries have devoted to this project," said George Som, president of RCMA. "And we are grateful for those who chose our cards to send to family and friends over the holidays."

"These contributions will help us generate additional funding as well," Mr. Som added. Local fundraisers such as this one can generate up to 15 times the amount raised in matching state and federal funding.

Plans for next year's holiday card fundraiser are already in the making. Businesses and individuals interested in supporting RCMA's

2000 card project should call

association toll free at 1-888-474-1515 and ask to be put on the mailing list for card promotions.

The Christmas card project was coordinated and promoted by Duda & Sons, Inc., Florida City Mutual, Florida Farm Bureau and the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association. Special contributors were also made by the following organizations: Magnolia Pre Longwood, Meister Publishing Company, Willoughby, Ohio a Vance Publishing Corporation, Lenexa, Kan.

Founded in 1964, RCMA offers approximately 70 programs in counties throughout Florida and serves 6,000 to 7,000 children annually.

Glades General makes Christmas merrier for patients

Glades General helped make Christmas a little merrier for patients who were confined to the hospital this year.

In partnership with Province Healthcare, Glades General distributed complimentary long-distance phone cards to all in-patients on Christmas Day to allow those people to share holiday greetings with their family and friends.

The phone cards provided up to 30 minutes of free long-distance time.

According to Jim Purcell, CEO, "Our primary commitment is to meet the needs of our patients and the communities we serve. We hope that by making it a little easier to

call distant loved ones, we were able to bring a little Christmas joy to those people who had to be in the hospital on Christmas Day."

The program, rightfully named "Christmas Calls" was so successful, hospital administration and Province Healthcare hope to make it an annual event.

Happy New Year

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Sports this week

11 area football players to play in Outback Steakhouse All-Star Game

Eleven Glades area football players and four cheerleaders from local schools are among 80 of the top seniors in the five county Treasure Coast area who have been selected to participate in the 6th Annual Outback Steakhouse Treasure Coast High School All-Star Football game Saturday, Jan. 8 at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens. Game time is 7:35 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the gate.

Glades Central head coach Milton Watson will serve as the head coach for the American Team. He will be assisted by Ft. Pierce Central's Harry Williams, Martin County's Ed Matello, Ft. Pierce/Westwood's Kevin McMahon, Glades Day's former head coach Pete Walker, Centennial's Jim O'Neal and William T. Dwyer's Jack Daniels.

The American Team (White Jerseys) includes six Belle Glade athletes on its offensive line:

• Jafavius McCrae, number

22, running back from Glades Central.

• James Holman, number 23, running back from Glades Day.

• Josh Braddock, number 53, offensive/defensive tackle from Glades Day.

• Josh Kannel, number 54, offensive guard/defensive end, from Glades Day.

• Jonathan Livly, number 55, center/defensive tackle, from Glades Day.

• Reggie Vickers, number 80, wide receiver, from Glades Central.

The defensive line includes three Glades Central seniors and one from Pahokee:

• Johnnie Mullins, number 32, defensive back, Glades Central.

• Santonio Thomas, 52, defensive tackle, Glades Central.

• Carlton Baker, 56, line-backer, Glades Central.

• Demetrius Fitzgerald, number 63, nose guard, from Pahokee High School.

Playing offense on the National Team, Blue Jerseys, is

no 81, wide receiver Robbie Wester, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wester formerly of Belle Glade.

In addition to the eleven football players representing area schools, four local cheerleaders will participate in the All-Star Squad cheering for the American Team. They are:

• Shatoya Simpson from Glades Central.

• Janeria Wright from Glades Central.

• Kelly Alvarez from Glades Day.

• Courtney Cariton from Glades Day.

The all-star game was organized in 1994 by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Treasure Coast Chapter. John P. Linstrath is president of the chapter. Vice presidents include former National Football League stars Ron Sellers and Ken Stone.

Proceeds from the game will go to the foundation's scholarship fund.

Sports Scouting Report

Attach a separate sheet for more space to answer questions. Please drop off completed form at The Sun office, 417 N.W. 18th St., Suite 6, Belle Glade or fax it to us at (561) 996-2208 or if you prefer, you may mail it to our Sportscaster number (561) 996-0628. You can also e-mail your information to gladesnews@earthlink.com. If you have any questions, please (561) 996-4404.

School: _____ Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Sport: _____ Date of Game/Match: _____

Current Standing (record W-L): _____

Results of last week's competition: (Who did you play? When and Where? What was the score?) _____

Outstanding team members in last week's play (please elaborate why): _____

When and where will the team compete in the coming week? Against who? _____

What can you tell us about the team(s) you will play this week? What happened the last time your team played them? Date, Time, Location of next game? _____

Team members to watch in the upcoming game(s) or match (es), and why: _____

Key play of the game: _____

Our team's player(s) of the game: _____

Our team's most improved player(s) of the game: _____

What our team will have to do to win the next game: _____

Is there any other information spectators should know? (Bus info? Special half-time? Etc.) _____



The Sun

We want your sports news! Just use the form above and fax it to: 996-2208.

In next week's Sun:

- More JV team photos from area schools
- Glades Central alumni in college sports
- Recapping the season so far and looking ahead
- Soccer comes to the Glades
- Wrestling action



The Glades Central Lady Raiders 1999-2000 JV basketball team includes: Yuvelle Way (50), Patricia Miles (53), Yeorie Lee (14) Maary Ann Delma (55), Laquetia Walker (34), Janetia Johnson (15) and Charit Chery (41) with Coach Robert Hart.



The Pahokee High School 1999-2000 Lady Blue Devils JV basketball team includes: Salicia Jackson (40), Synthia Beauvais (45), Latesha Hill (24), Tiffany Wallace (50), Rashonda Warren (10), Raqueria Murvin (15), Alteria Smith (33), Tiffany Simpson (42), Megan Pitre 32, Nicole Knight (3), Candace Miller (43) and Latonia Waller (55) with Coach Malissa McCauley.



The Glades Day 1999-2000 Gators Boys JV basketball team includes: Brad Garrett (19), Eric Wingate (23), Brock Markham (10), Blake Herring (11), Jeremy Hawkins (33), Matt Sanchez (50), Nelson Willis (45), Nick Sanchez (21), Ronny Brown (4), David Harrison (40), Jason Alava (15), and Ryan Woodard (5), with coaches Woody Salvatore and Joe Guethia.

Sun sports this week

January 7, 2000

Glades Central Raiders wrestling John Leonard, away, 7 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs. Okeechobee, away, 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Pope John Paul, home, 6:30 p.m.

Glades Central Soccer vs. Forest Hill, home, 8 p.m.

January 8, 2000

Pahokee Blue Devils Boys vs. Lake Worth, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders wrestling Hendry County Inv., away, 7 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Ft. Lauderdale Univ., away, 11 a.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Highlands, away, 3 p.m.

January 10, 2000

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Clewiston, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Jupiter Christian, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Jupiter Christian, away, 5 p.m.

January 11, 2000

Glades Day Lady Gators (jr. high) vs. Fort Lauderdale Univ., away, 4 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs. Clewiston, home, 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Clewiston, home, 6 p.m.

Pahokee Blue Devils Boys vs. Pope John Paul, home, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. LaBelle, home, 5 p.m.

January 12, 2000

Glades Day Lady Gators (jr. high) vs. Clewiston, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders wrestling vs. Royal

Palm Beach, away, 7 p.m.

Pahokee Blue Devils vs. John Carroll, home, 5 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils, vs. Lincoln Park, away, 5 p.m.

January 13, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Cardinal Newman, away, 6:30 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Royal Palm Beach, home, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Benjamin, away, 4 p.m.

January 14, 2000

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. North Lauderdale Prep, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. North Lauderdale Prep, away, 5:30 p.m.

Glades Day Gators wrestling vs. Atlantic, home, 7 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs. Royal Palm

Beach, away, 7:30 p.m.

January 15, 2000

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Hollywood Christian, home, 8 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Hollywood Christian, away, 2 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders wrestling Central Conference at Wellington, away, TBA.

Pahokee Blue Devils vs. Boca High at Palm Beach Atlantic, away, 1 p.m.

January 16, 2000

No games

January 17, 2000

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Royal Palm Beach, home, 6 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. John Leonard, away, 6 p.m.

January 18, 2000

Glades Central Raiders vs. Wellington, away, 7:30 p.m.

The Singing Messengers to perform at Miracle Temple, Belle Glade, Saturday

The Singing Messengers of Cocoa will perform Saturday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at Miracle Temple, 104 SW 16th Street (SR 715) Belle Glade.

The gospel group was formed in 1985 and was comprised of Gary Van Deventer, Tim Van Deventer and Dee Cooper. A few months later, Bill and Leann Pardon joined the group and were together for about a year. The Pardons moved to Ohio and Jeff Arrington and Brenda Thirasher joined the group. This group was active for about two years. When Brenda left the group, Shirley Van Deventer, who was a part time member for some time, began as a regular until about 1995. When Tim left the group, to be active in his home church, he was replaced by various members over the next years. Some of the members of this group were Ron Brewer, Gary Franklin, and Paul Dodge.

The present bass singer, Jim Valdes, joined the Messengers sometime in 1994. When Shirley Van Deventer left the group, the group organized as an all male quartet comprised of Gary Curtis, Glen Kirby, Jim Valdes, and Gary Van Deventer. In 96 the group was disbanded for a while as Gary began his writing of several books and started teaching music ministry courses. In late 97 Gary and Johnny Russell, who were members of the Fireman Quartet in the 70's joined ranks to reorganize what is now the present quartet consisting of: Johnny Russell, tenor; Jane Benko, alto; Gary Van Deventer, baritone and Jim Valdes, bass.

The sound and styling of The Singing Messengers is of the southern gospel quartet tradition and is somewhat similar to the old Fireman Quartet from the 70's. This is largely in part because Johnny Russell

and Gary Van Deventer were members of that Fireman Quartet. Most of the years, that group, consisted of: Johnny Russell, tenor; Stella Robinson, alto; Gary Van Deventer, baritone; Harry Ellis, Jr., bass; and Virgil Galezewski at the piano. The Fireman Quartet was honored to have Roy McNeil, formerly with the Prophets and the Statesmen, to assist as a singing coach and featured singer for a while in those years.

The Messengers sing many of the old quartet favorites as well as blending in some new and original material the same traditional styling.

Viewing their appearances as the ministry in music, The Messengers sing for love offerings and do not charge.

"If we charged, it then would be as a profession or job to us, rather than a ministry."

Garcia begins basic training

Army Pfc. Jose A. Garcia has arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., to complete basic military training.

During the eight weeks of

training, Pfc. Garcia will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first

aid, and Army history and traditions.

Pfc. Garcia is the son of Yolanda Morales of Pahokee. He is a 1999 graduate of Pahokee High School.

Obituaries

Calvin J. Peacock, Sr., 76, of Pahokee, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, in the Palms West Hospital, Lakeland.

A native of Okaloosa, Mr. Peacock was born on February 6, 1923, son of the late William Jackson and Lillie Catherine Lewis Peacock. His grandparents were pioneer Glades residents. He survived the 1928 hurricane in a car at Upthegrove Beach as his family was trying to escape the destruction of the house they were in.

Except for his years in school and the military, he was a life-long resident of the Lake Okechobee area. He was a graduate of Pahokee High School where he was known as "Pahokee's Pigskin Pride." In his senior year he scored 228 total points, 170 points running and 58 points passing. Weighing 170 pounds, he was referred to as "Point a Pound," referring to his 170 points scored running. He was a graduate of Rollins College where he was a "Little All American." He did graduate studies at the University of Florida.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Peacock served in the United States Navy. At the age of 25, he became principal of the South Bay Elementary School. He also taught and served as head football coach at Belle Glade High School. He later opened Galvin Peacock Bookkeeping and Tax Service in Pahokee. He was a member of the Rollins Alumni Association, the American Legion, and served for several years as a volunteer fireman in South Bay. He was preceded in death by a son, Calvin Joseph "Skipper" Peacock, Jr., on July 26, 1964.

Mr. Peacock is survived by his wife, the former Wava Louise Leach, to whom he was married on September 4, 1942; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry Peacock and his wife Jayne of Wellington, and Terry Peacock and his wife Agnes of Indiantown; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann Kesterson and her husband James of Hendersonville, N.C.; a former son-in-law, Bob Welby of Hendersonville, N.C.; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, January 3, 2000, in the Canal Point Baptist Church. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Cemetery. Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Canal Point Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 235, Canal Point, Florida 33438.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

Luke Thomas Weeks, 20, of Lake Harbor died Jan. 1, 2000, at Lake Harbor. Luke was born May 29, 1979, at West Palm Beach to Barney (Barney) Smith Weeks and Martha Lynn (Thomas) Weeks. A lifelong resident of Lake Harbor, Mr. Weeks graduated from the Glades Day School in 1997 and was attending Palm Beach Community College at Belle Glade. He was also studying art with Ann Tyler. He was a member of the Lake Harbor Methodist Church. He was an avid fisherman & good friend to many.

Mr. Weeks is survived by his parents, Barney S. and Martha L. T. Weeks of Lake Harbor; a sister, Rose Lynn McGhee of Ft. Myers; several uncles, aunts and a host of cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, in Lake Harbor with Rev. Rod Ruby officiating. Burial followed at the Ortona Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Akin-Davis Funeral Home-Clewiston.



Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Cayson

Hernandez, Cayson exchange VOWS

Elizabeth Hernandez and Trevor Cayson were married on December 18, 1999.

The bride is the daughter of Antonio Fernandez of Pahokee. The groom is the son of Edward and Lillie Cayson of Belle Glade.

The wedding ceremony was in the chapel of Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade. Rev. David Day officiated at the ceremony.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Canal Point Community Center in Canal Point.

The groom is a Deputy with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the bride is employed as the Community Relations Specialist for The Palm Beach County Health Department.

The couple will reside in Belle Glade.

Harrell completes bar exam

Loytavian Harrell, valedictorian of the Pahokee Middle Senior High School Class of 1990, recently successfully completed the California State Bar Examination, an attorney licensing exam which is purportedly the most difficult such exam in the country to pass.

Of the 7720 people with whom she took the exam, only 51.2% passed.

Ms. Harrell currently works at Fenwick & West LLP in Palo Alto, California as a corporate law associate. Fenwick & West LLP is a law firm that provides a wide range of legal services to both well established and newly formed Silicon Valley high technology companies. For the second consecutive year it has been the sole law firm listed in Fortune Magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For.

A graduate of the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, California, Juris Doctor, May 1999, Ms. Harrell earned a B.B.A. in International Business, with concentration in



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finance in May 1994 from Howard University, Washington DC.

Before joining Fenwick and West, Ms. Harrell was employed by the U.S. State

Department, Office of the Legal Adviser, Washington, DC, Katten Muchin & Zavis, a Chicago law firm, ABE Solutions, Washington, DC, a management consulting company, McKinsey & Company, Inc., Washington, DC, Kidder, Peabody & Company, Inc., New York, a defunct investment banking company, and First Community Bank, Pahokee, formerly the Bank of Pahokee.

Since graduating from Pahokee High School Ms. Harrell, whose hobbies include cooking, foreign films, outdoor sports, reading and traveling, has visited the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Guadeloupe, Italy, Martinique, Saint Maarten/Saint Martin, and Spain.

Ms. Harrell is the daughter of Tracy Harrell, a long time teacher at Pahokee Middle Senior High School (PMSH). She is also the granddaughter of Mary Harrell, a recent West Technical Education Center retiree, and Quinon Harrell.

Brown named to Dean's List at FAMU

Crystal Jeshay Brown, daughter of Jessie and Carolyn Brown of Pahokee and a 1999 Honors Graduate of Glades Day School was named to the Dean's list for the fall semester at Florida A & M University in

Tallahassee. Ms. Brown is currently pursuing a Pharmacy Degree at FAMU. Her fall semester courses of study included: Introduction to Pharmacy; Pharmacy I; Chemistry I; Pre-Calculus; Chemistry

Lab I; and Freshman Communication.

To qualify for the Dean's List a student must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average. Crystal's current GPA is 3.82.

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The Lighthouse Cafe recently acknowledged several individuals for their donation of time on weekly meetings for the LHC program. Left to right are Chuck Royal, Earl Wolf, Mertis Williams, James Taylor and Bernard Robinson. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Robinson at first used to be partakers of the Lighthouse Cafe program but are now helping prepare and serve meals in the mornings, not only helping themselves, but others. Lighthouse Cafe is now seeking an Executive Director to work in the program. Members of the organization want to thank all the contributors for making the ministry a success.

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Chapter to celebrate Founder's Day

The Mu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will celebrate the 22nd Founder's Day Program on Saturday, Jan. 8 at St. John First Baptist Church, 600 Southwest 8th Street, Belle Glade from 6 to 8 p.m.

The sorors of the chapter invite the community to celebrate with them in recognition of their founders and also attend a banquet afterwards in the fellowship hall of the church.

Representative Addie Green will be the speaker and local officials will be presented awards.

MLE celebrations

Xi Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is preparing for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King citywide celebration. The theme is "The Struggle Continues."

The itinerary includes: A Gospel Festival at Glades Center.

Central Community High School in the auditorium on Sunday, Jan. 16, and a parade and church service on Monday, Jan. 17. Line up for the parade will be at 9 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m.

All organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade and everyone is invited to attend the church service after the parade at Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ.

For more information contact Antoine Russell at 924-5470.

Open House

The Criminal Justice Academy at Glades Central Community High School will hold an open house on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the media center.

Students and parents interested in the magnet program are welcome to attend.

American Red Cross to conduct CPR and First Aid course

The American Red Cross

Glades Area Branch is holding a CPR and First Aid course on Saturday, Jan. 22. The training will be at the branch office at 195 U.S. Highway 27 South, South Bay.

The certification course gives participants a one year certification in CPR and a three year certification in First Aid. For more information contact the local Red Cross office at 992-9703.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is looking for residents of the Glades area to get involved with various programs and services offered by the American Red Cross.

There will be a new Volunteer Orientation held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000 at 6 p.m. at the office, located at 195 U.S. Highway 27 South in South Bay.

For more information contact your local American Red Cross at 992-9703.

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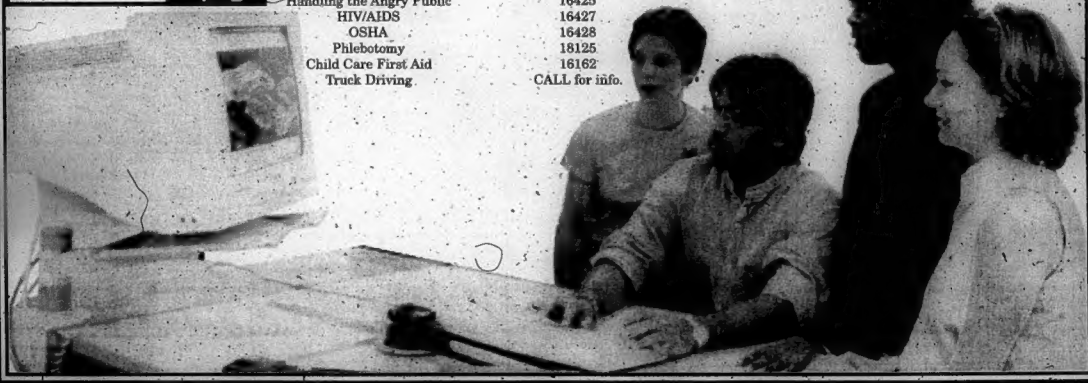
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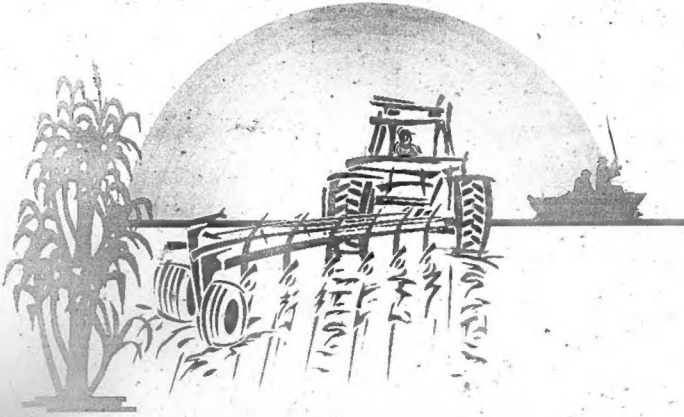
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